

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
CHARLES M. RUSSELL NWR**



Outreach Notice



**Lead Range Technician (Fire)
GS-0455-05/06 Firefighter
Location
FORT PECK, MONTANA**



The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Region 6 Charles M. Russell NWR Complex (CMR) is advertising a Lead Range Technician (Fire) GS-0455-5/6 position. This is permanent career seasonal 13/13 position. We are looking for a highly motivated person currently qualified as Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) who has successfully completed S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior, and is interested in furthering their career in Fire Management. In addition to fire management activities the person selected can expect to get training and/or experience in a variety of other aspects of land management (GIS, watercraft, biological monitoring, maintenance, etc.). We expect the incumbent to actively pursue training and experience for higher red-card qualifications such as Firing Boss (FIRB), Engine Boss (ENGB), or others as appropriate. The selected individual can expect to be tasked with fire line preparation, providing fire training (classroom and field), and many other duties that will help build knowledge, skills, and abilities for the individual to further their career. Following are links to the job:

[R6-14-1136524-M](#) (Merit - government-wide)

[R6-14-1155820-D](#) (DEU - open qualified US Citizens)

The position is one of six permanent fire positions within the Montana Fire Zone which is comprised of seven refuges, several satellite refuges, and many Waterfowl Production Area's (WPA) that are associated with each refuge. The Montana Fire Zone is responsible for all fire management activities on refuge lands for the entire state on Montana. Information about each individual refuge and links to other sites of interest can be accessed at:

<http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/refuges/mt/>



The Charles M. Russell NWR is the leader in fire management within the Mountain-Prairie Region of the USFWS. The CMR encompasses 1.1 million acres of the Missouri Breaks landscape, which is especially prone for lightning ignited wildfires. Since 2003, CMR has had over 100 wildfires which have burned 107,615 acres of the refuge. The refuge has also hosted four National Type II Incident Management Teams and one National Type I Incident Management Team during that same time frame.

The Zone has a very active prescribed fire program, generally conducting 15 to 20 prescribed burns for approximately 3,000-10,000 acres annually. In addition to burns on FWS lands, the district provides assistance to other federal, state and Non-Government Organizations (NGO) partners within the area, (BLM, USFS, World Wildlife Fund, The Nature Conservancy, American Prairie Reserve, and others). We also provide suppression assistance to neighboring cooperators. Fire zone employees participate on interagency fire assignments across the nation and can be available for assignment as conditions warrant. Opportunities to assist with prescribed fire in other areas and regions are also often available to fire staff at certain times of the year.



Topography of the zone ranges from the gently rolling hills of the prairie pothole of northeastern Montana, extremely rugged Missouri Breaks within the CMR, to the Continental Divide at Red Rock Lakes NWR. Weather can vary across the Zone, but generally April brings rain showers and cool weather (40-60 degrees F); summers can be quite windy with temperatures soaring to 100 degrees F in July and August. The first snows usually arrive in late October - often melting, and finally staying in November. December through March can bring deep snows and temperatures that dip to -40 degrees F.

Montana has a lot to offer for anyone interested in outdoor recreation. The area lakes, rivers and open prairies provide many opportunities including camping, hiking, backpacking, boating and fishing, hunting upland game, waterfowl, and big game. CMR is world renowned for its' big game hunting, with numerous elk, bighorn sheep, whitetail and mule deer qualifying for the Boone and Crockett and/or Pope and Young record books. Northern pike, sauger and walleye fishing on the Fort Peck reservoir have been described as "phenomenal".



World renowned with bird watching enthusiasts, the Bowdoin and Medicine Lake NWR's are mentioned in practically every birding magazine as excellent locations to observe over 263 species of birds. Upland bird and waterfowl hunters from across the state make the pilgrimage to both Bowdoin and Medicine Lake refuges for some of the best hunting the state has to offer.

Fort Peck offers small town community living with larger town conveniences offered just 20 miles up the road in the town of Glasgow. There are a vast amount of recreation and entertainment options in the Fort Peck area, especially during the summer tourist season. Government housing is not available but housing can be found in the near towns of Glasgow and Nahsua along with the town of Fort Peck itself. Community information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.travelmt.com/mt-cities-Fort+Peck.html>

This position is covered as a primary firefighter under the provisions of 5 USC 8412(b) and 5 USC 8336(c). Applicants for this position must not have reached their 37th birthday upon appointment to this position. An exception is allowed if selectee has sufficient prior Federal service in a covered law enforcement officer or firefighter position or positions to qualify for retirement on or before the mandatory retirement age for these types of positions. Applicants must provide documentation on prior Federal service in their application, resume, etc., to include dates of service (month/year to month/year), hours worked per week, and description of duties.

This position will be advertised through USAJobs at WWW.USAJOBS.GOV

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